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SUBJ: ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AND CCC CREDITIS

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1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ANGELO MICULESCU AND DEPUTY MINISTER STANCIU ON OCTOBER 4 TO DISCUSS VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING CROP OUTLOOK AND POSSIBLE GOR NEED FOR IMPORTS FROM US AND CCC CREDITS. IN THIS RESPECT, MICULESCU PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFO:

(A) CORN: HARVEST MAY REACH 11 MILLION M.T. CLOSER TO PLAN TARGET OF NEARLY 12 MILLION THAN WE HAD EARLIER HEARD; HOWEVER, TO ATTAIN THIS LEVEL STILL MORE SUNNY WEATHER IS NEEDED TO COMPENSATE FOR UNSEASONAL RAINS. MOA SHOULD KNOW FINAL HARVEST SITUATION BY SECOND/THIRD WEEKS OF OCTOBER.

(B) WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE; HARVEST EST. AT 7.6 MILLION M.T. (STANCIU EST. WHEAT CROP AT 6 MILLION M.T.). ALTHOUGH WHEAT CROP WAS VERY GOOD, IT HELD DOWN SOMEWHAT BY DROUGHT THAT AFFECTED DOBROGEA REGION DURING APRIL-JUNE PERIOD.

(C) SUNFLOWER: NO FIGURES GIVEN, BUT HARVEST SAID TO BE AT MIDDLE LEVEL AND BELOW EXPECTATIONS. THIS WOULD JIBE WITH REFTEL.

(D) LIVESTOCK: PRODUCTION HAS RECOVERED FROM FLOODS OF 1975 BUT CONCERN EXPRESSED FOR FEED GRAIN SITUATION IN MONTHS AHEAD.

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(E) CCC: MOA EXPECTS ROMANIA WILL BE WANTING TO BUY AND MAY ASK FOR CREDITIS FOR SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL;

HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE SEEKING CREDITS FOR GRAIN SORGHUM.
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